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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING CLASSIFICATION SECURITY IN A
DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 23, 2009. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase the allowed claims and do not accurately restate the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims should be deemed allowable based on their respective recitations.

Applicant notes that independent reasons, other than those indicated by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of claims 1-24. Further, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable because of the combination of the claimed features, and not based on the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. For example, the contents of each classified table element for which an

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approval indicator is received from the classification engine is accessed, the approval indicator indicating that the requester is permitted to access the contents of the respective classified table element; wherein the asking step comprises sending, by the database, arguments to input classification parameters to the classification engine coupled to the data processing system. Moreover, the claims should be governed by the actual claim language and not the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the Examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated March 23, 2009.

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